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SUBJECT: DOMINICA CHILD LABOR INFORMATION FOR TRADE AND  
DEVELOPMENT ACT (GSP) 2008 REPORT

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¶1. (U) Incidents of the worst forms of child labor are not believed to be a problem in the countries of the Eastern Caribbean. All the countries in the region have enacted comprehensive child protection laws and measures. However, poverty levels in the region are starting to rise due to the high cost of living, which could generate some isolated incidents of child labor, especially among migrant communities. Our sources in the government and labor unions do not believe that there are any serious incidents of the worst forms of child labor occurring in the region.

¶2. (U) LabOff confirmed with the Ministry of Labor and the labor unions that there have been no significant changes to last year's submission. Post human rights contacts have conjectured that there may be some child labor (agriculture and street begging) among the migrant Haitian community, and there may be some underage children involved in the nascent underground sex club business, but they do not believe there are significant numbers of children involved. These claims cannot to date be independently corroborated.

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